

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2007, claims 1 – 7 are pending and claim 5 was withdrawn from consideration in view of a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected and claims 2 – 4 and 7 are objected to. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 5, and 7, canceled claims 2 and 3, and added new claims 8 – 12. Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claims, the added claims, and the below-provided remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2 – 4 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 (claim 1 + claim 2)

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 2. Applicants assert that claim 1 is now in an allowable condition. Applicants note that the limitations from claim 2 have also been amended from the previously presented state to correct a few typographical errors. In particular, the phrase “second pair of transistor comprising third transistor” has been amended to recite “*a* second pair of transistors comprising *a* third transistor.”

Claim 2 has been canceled and claims 4, 5, and 7 have been amended to correct dependency in view of the amendment to claim 1 and the canceling of claim 2. Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claims 4 – 7 are dependent on claim 1. Applicants assert that these claims are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that claim 5 be allowed because it depends from an allowable generic claim (claim 2 as originally filed, now claim 1)

Claim 8 (claim 1 + claim 3)

Claim 8 has been added. Claim 8 includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and 3 as originally filed. Applicants assert that because claim 8 includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and 3 as originally filed, claim 8 is in an allowable condition.

Claim 9 is dependent on claim 8 and is similar to claim 4 as filed. Claim 10 is dependent on claim 8 and is similar to claim 5 as filed. Claim 11 is dependent on claim 8 and is similar to claim 6 as filed. Claim 12 is dependent on claim 8 and is similar to claim 7 as filed. Applicants assert that claims 9 – 12 are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

Support for new claims 8 – 12 is found in claims 1 and 3 – 7 as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amended claims, the added claims, and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account **50-3444** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account **50-3444** under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

Respectfully submitted,

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